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RSC-01 AID-20 EB-11 CIEP-02 TRSE-00 STR-08 OMB-01

CEA-02 CIAE-00 COME-00 FRB-02 INR-10 NSAE-00 XMB-07

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0638 IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L TRIPOLI 1188

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, LY

SUBJ: OIL EXPROPRIATIONS: U.S. POSITION

REF: STATE 182055

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A. or FOI EXEMPTIONS

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1. TODAY BEING FRIDAY AND LOCAL WEEKEND, TRANSLATION OF NOTE AND ITS DELIVERY AT A RESPONSIVE LEVEL OF MFA PRESENT PROBLEMS. HOWEVER, THE NOTE WILL BE DELIVERED EARLY THIS AFTERNOON TO MFA DUTY OFFICER WITH REQUEST TO BRING IT TO ATTENTION OF HIGHEST AUTHORITIES ASAP. WHETHER THEY WILL IN FACT RECEIVE IT AT THAT LEVEL, OR FOCUS ON IT, UNTIL OPENING BUSINESS SEPTEMBER 15, IS PROBLEMATIC, BUT ALTERNATIVE OF MY TRYING TO DELIVER NOTE TO ANY HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIAL ON A FRIDAY AFTERNOON IS UNREALISTIC, AND BELIEVE DELIVERY IN PERSON TOMORROW WOULD RESULT IN UNDELE DELAY IN RECEIPT.

2. SAY THIS BECAUSE PER REFTEL SUBSTANCE OF NOTE MAY BE GIVEN TO MANY OTHER FOREIGN OFFICES TODAY AND POSSIBILITY OF A LEAK APPEARS SUBSTANTIAL. URGENCY
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OF DELIVERY OF NOTE ALSO UNDERLINED BY REPORT WE
JUST RECEIVED THAT [REDACTED]

3. WOULD HOPE THAT DEPT SPOKESMAN CAN REFRAIN FROM
MENTIONING NOTE TO PRESS TODAY. DEPT MAY ALSO WISH
TO CAUTION OTHER ADDRESSEES OF REFTEL TO EMPHASIZE TO
OTHER FOREIGN OFFICES THAT THE RESPONSIBLE LARG
OFFICIALS MAY NOT RECEIVE OUR NOTE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 15.
(EVEN LATER IN THE CASE OF OIL MINISTER HABRUK, WHO
LEFT LIBYA FOR VIENNA SEPTEMBER 13.)
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